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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application No. 10/073,495  
Filing Date February 11, 2002  
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Art Unit 2116  
Examiner Name Chen, Tse W.  
Attorney Docket No. 42P9143

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** - Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed 05/06/2005 WASFAW1 00000088 10073495
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

### 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed

- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Attorney's Docket No.: 42P9143

Patent

In re the Application of: Stevens, Jr. et al.  
(inventor(s))

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR LINKING FIRMWARE MODULES IN A PRE-MEMORY EXECUTION ENVIRONMENT

(title)

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Response for the above-referenced application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

XX **Additional RCE fee is required.**

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amd.		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	* 41	Minus	** 41	0	X25	\$	X50	\$ 0
Indep. Claims	* 4	Minus	*** 4	0	X100	\$	X200	\$ 0
<b>First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)</b>					+180	\$	+360	\$
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Date

\_\_\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached for presentation of additional claim(s).  
\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

  X   A check for \$ 790.00 is attached for processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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